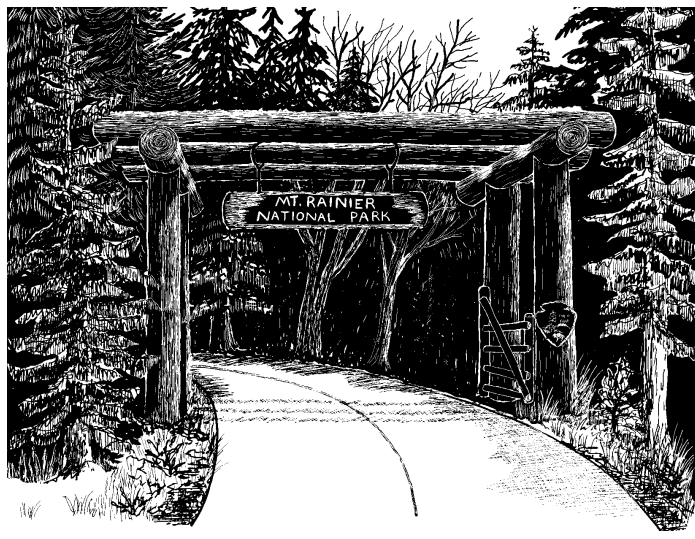




Recreation Fee Demonstration Program



2003 is the seventh year of the Recreation Fee Demonstration Program, a pilot program which seeks to finance a backlog of unfunded projects on public lands throughout the nation. The program was designated to redirect the costs of managing certain recreational activities from the general tax base to the users who directly benefit from that activity. Without user fees, existing park budgets could not fund such projects and activities.

Entrance Fees

At Mount Rainier, funds collected at the park entrances are financing these and other projects:

- Construction of the new Education Center
- Rehabilitating trails throughout the park
- Upgrading Sunrise Visitor Center exhibits
- Rehabilitating trails throughout the park
- Rehabilitating campground sites
- Upgrading exhibits and media

The entrance fee for Mount Rainier National Park is \$10 per single, private, noncommercial vehicle. It covers everyone in the vehicle and is valid for seven days. The entry fee for a single bicyclist or motorcyclist, pedestrian, charter bus passenger, or passenger in a non-privately owned vehicle is \$5. For information about fees for tour busses, annual passes, Golden Age or Golden Access passes, call (360) 569-6003, or ask at a park entrance station.

Wilderness Permit Reservations

Wilderness permits are required and are free when obtained on a first come-first served basis. However, a new system has been created so that backcountry users may reserve a particular wilderness campsite in advance of their hike or climb for a \$20 reservation fee. Reservations can be made between April 1 and September 30. Sixty

percent of wilderness sites and sixty percent of the capacity of wilderness zones park-wide are reservable. Wilderness permit reservation fees help defray the cost of running the reservation system. Call (360) 569-HIKE or visit www.nps.gov/mora/recreation.htm for more information.

Climbing Fees

In 1993, Congress directed the National Park Service to recover some of the costs associated with special uses of the parks, such as mountain climbing and river rafting.

At Mount Rainier, climbers must register and pay a climbing fee to go above 10,000 feet or to travel onto glaciers. The climbing fee is \$30 per person, per calendar year.

Climbing fees help recover costs for:

- Climber safety and education
- Upper mountain human waste management and disposal
- Program administration

For more information about climbing Mount Rainier and/or climbing fees, visit www.nps.gov/mora/climb.htm or call (360) 569-HIKE.